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Letter dated 10 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit a copy of the joint communiqué of the Eighteenth Regional Summit on Burundi, which was held in Dar-es-Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania on 6 and 7 October 2002 (see annex).

I would appreciate if the communiqué could be published as an official document of the Security Council and of the General Assembly.

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Joint communiqué of the Eighteenth Regional Summit on Burundi

1. The Eighteenth Regional Summit meeting of the heads of State and Government of the Regional Peace Initiative on Burundi met in Dar-es-Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, on 6 and 7 October 2002, under the chairmanship of H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda.

2. The Summit reviewed the situation in Burundi in general and the status of the ceasefire negotiations in particular. Following a briefing by Deputy President Jacob Zuma, on behalf of the Facilitator, an extensive discussion with President Pierre Buyoya of Burundi and the Speaker of the Transitional National Assembly of Burundi, Dr. Jean Minani, on the one hand, and the leader of the delegation of the Conseil national pour la défense de la démocratie-Forces pour la défense de la démocratie (CNDD-FDD) (Pierre Nkurunziza), Rajabu Hussein, on the other, and an extensive exchange of views on the matter, the Summit:

(a) Welcomed the signing of the ceasefire agreements between the Transitional Government of Burundi and CNDD-FDD (Jean Bosco Ndayikengurukiye) and the Parti pour la libération du peuple hutu-Forces nationales de libération (Palipehutu-FNL) (Alain Mugabarabona), respectively, as an encouraging step towards the restoration of peace, security and stability in Burundi and the full implementation of the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement for Burundi;

(b) Welcomed the commitment made by the leader of the delegation of CNDD-FDD (Pierre Nkurunziza) to resume substantive ceasefire negotiations without any conditions and on the basis of the Arusha Peace Agreement;

(c) Decided that CNDD-FDD (Pierre Nkurunziza) and Palipehutu-FNL (Agathon Rwasa) should enter immediately into direct ceasefire negotiations with the Transitional Government of Burundi with a view to concluding a ceasefire agreement within 30 days. The negotiations should be conducted at the highest level by all the parties;

(d) Decided also to meet after 30 days to review the situation and if no ceasefire agreement has been reached between the parties, to take appropriate measures against the recalcitrant party with a view to restoring peace and stability in Burundi and ensuring the full implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement;

(e) Directed that CNDD-FDD (Jean Bosco) and Palipehutu-FNL (Alain Mugabarabona) and other armed groups and movements that sign a ceasefire agreement be integrated into the transitional institutions and other structures of the State, including the army and other security forces;

(f) Called upon the armed groups and movements signatories to the Arusha Peace Agreement to take steps to facilitate the integration of their forces;

(g) Directed the Implementation Monitoring Committee to monitor the process of integration of forces in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Arusha Peace Agreement;

(h) Commended the Transitional Government of Burundi for the efforts made towards the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement;

(i) Commended also the Facilitator, President Nelson Mandela, Deputy President Jacob Zuma and President El Hadj Omar Bongo and their facilitation teams for the efforts they have deployed, and encouraged them to pursue their efforts with the continued support of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania;

(j) Commended further President Benjamin William Mkapa and his Government for their support to the facilitation process and for their commitment to the restoration of peace and stability in Burundi and in the Great Lakes region.

Done at Dar-es-Salaam, 7 October 2002